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Scam on Cebu lampposts at P300,000 each for Asean summit grows bigger

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Hostage drama in Taguig: 2 court employees, complainant and lawyer held by ex-Marine

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PNP-AFP sends team to US Congress hearings on RP political killings

NEWS / A7

Supreme Court remands Liberal Party row to Comelec

Copy of serial nos. said to duplicate poll forms

By Norman Bordadora

THE COPYING OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF ELECTION forms raises not only the possibility of election fraud but also huge security concerns, two well-placed sources warned yesterday.

According to one source, who has had long experience with the procedures of the Commission on Elections and the National Printing Office in

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Maguindanao governor modern-day Godfather

SHARIFF AGUAK, Maguindanao—He doesn't wear a bejeweled turban or sport a ceremonial kris, but Andal Ampatuan is as much a sultan as any.

You could walk past him without a second

MAGUINDANAO/ A11



RP 'most corrupt' in Asia

CBCP junks Bro. Mike's call to name candidates

By Nikko Dizon

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE of the Philippines (CBCP) yesterday rejected El Shaddai spiritual leader Mike Velarde's call for the Church to provide a short list of senatorial candidates for its flock to choose from in the May 14 midterm elections.

"To dictate on them whom to vote for is as bad as buying their votes," CBCP president Angel Lagdameo said in a one-page statement.

"CBCP does not want the candidates to be indebted to the bishops," said Lagdameo, the archbishop of Jaro. "Instead, we want the candidates to make a genuine covenant with the electorate: That if elected, they will serve the people and not themselves."

The Inquirer, however, has learned that already at least five bishops have been quietly campaigning for the three senatorial aspirants of Ang Kapatiran, a Catholic

CBCP/ A11



DOUBLE EXPOSURE: Gilded mirror in Malacañang reflects President Arroyo as she walks past it to attend to her Palace appointments for the day. [illegible]

PERC: It's bad and has been bad all along

By Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research and Agence France-Presse

DESPITE THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED efforts by the Arroyo administration to curb corruption, foreign businessmen perceive the Philippines to be the most corrupt economy among 13 countries and territories across Asia.

The Philippines replaced Indonesia as the country with "the distinction of being perceived in the worst light this year," the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy said yesterday in a summary of its survey that was made available to Agence France-Presse (AFP).

PERC, which provides advice to private firms and governments, polled 1,476 expatriate businessmen in the region in January and February. Of the total, more than 100 were based in the Philippines.

The survey also found some countries were failing properly to tackle corruption.

In a grading system with zero as the best possible score and 10 the worst, the Philippines got 9.40, worsening sharply from its grade of 7.80 last year. Indonesia had been deemed Asia's most corrupt

RP/ A20

GMA blames 'opposition,' her unpopularity for negative image

By Juliet Labog-Javellana, Dazzle L. Lucas and Ronnel W. Domingo

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO yesterday dismissed a survey that found the Philippines to be the most corrupt economy in Asia, saying the perceptions were based on old data gathered from newspapers.

"[T]he credit ratings are fine, it's the political analysis (that is unfair)," Ms Arroyo told Business Asia magazine when asked about the survey by the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy (PERC).

PERC said the survey conducted in January and February of 1,476 expatriate business executives in 13 countries and territories across the region rated Singapore and Hong Kong as the cleanest economies.

Ms Arroyo blamed "opposition people" in a foreign group monitoring corruption across the globe for the negative perception.

"If you look at the ones in Transparency International Philippines, they are made up of opposition people," Ms Arroyo said.

She said negative reports about the country were an offshoot of her being unpopular.

"I wouldn't say that there's no downside. Many of these, as I said, are because of my popularity but as I said it's a price worth paying," Ms Arroyo said.

She said she had made tough decisions to turn the economy around and these had made her unpopular.

"I remember (the passage of the expanded) VAT. I was very unpopular (because of that)," Ms Arroyo said. "I would rather have reform

GMA BLAMES/ A18



Pregnant women can't be fired—SC

By Leila B. Salaverria

A WOMAN CANNOT BE FIRED from her job because she is pregnant, according to the Supreme Court.

In a ruling promulgated on March 6, the high court dismissed a petition of Del Monte Philippines Inc. questioning an order that the company reinstate and award back wages to an employee it had illegally terminated.

The tribunal affirmed earlier rulings by the Court of Appeals and the National Labor Relations Commission that field worker Lolita Velasco was terminated because of her pregnancy—a violation of the Labor Code—and had to be given her old job back, including back wages.

It said it was "convinced" that Del Monte had terminated Velasco

PREGNANT/ A18

DSWD: 1,387 donated tents for Bicol lying unused

By Jocelyn R. Uy

MORE THAN 300 DONATED tents are lying unused in local government offices instead of sheltering homeless victims of supertyphoon "Reming" who are in cramped evacuation centers, the Department of Social Welfare and Development said yesterday.

Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral said that of the 1,387 tents that the agency delivered to Region V after "Reming" battered Bicolandia last November:

- 386 were still "under the custody" of local government units (155 in Albay and 231 in Camarines Sur).
- 175 family tents were missing or "still unaccounted for."
- 209 "pup tents," which could accommodate only two persons each, were still with the DSWD and could not be distributed because they were too small.
- 299 tents were being used by the 3,080 families in 18 evacuation centers as their villages had been declared as "no man's land."
- 318 units were outside holding areas and were sheltering individual families.

Much of the last batch of 308 tents which the agency had sent in early February had yet to be distributed to beneficiaries, Cabral told the Inquirer. Of this figure 333 units, each good for one family of six, were being kept in the office of the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council of Albay.

"They (local officials) said they had other plans for the tents. They said they would be used in transit areas," Cabral said. "But I told them that if there was still a need for the tents, which there is, they should distribute them now ... but I cannot demand, I can only encourage them."

Cabral reiterated how victims had to make do with flimsy shel-

DSWD/ A8

Villagers shield outgunned troops from NPA rebels

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—UNARMED villagers in Abra province acted as human shields to prevent communist guerrillas from attacking heavily outnumbered troops, the military said yesterday.

The people of Daroc West, outside the town of Bucloc, threw a human shield around an Army patrol base after getting wind of an impending attack by about 40 New People's Army rebels, said regional military spokesperson Lt. Jose Bardo.

Just three soldiers and nine members of a village militia force were manning the base at the time.

Village chief Lorenzo Bacnyag later said

VILLAGERS/ A18



WOMAN WITH A MISSION: Sandra Cam, "jueteng" whistle-blower who linked First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and Rep. Mikey Arroyo to payoffs from the illegal game, returns from the Mideast on Tuesday. She's met by Frank Chavez (left) and Buenaventura Miranda.

Zuño to speed up probe of GMA 7 asset's killing

By Leila B. Salaverria and Edson C. Tandoc

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE yesterday pledged to fast-track its investigation of the case of a media "asset" killed while carrying a hidden camera in a big shabu market in Pasig City.

"I'll try to resolve it within the week," Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño said. "I'll expedite it."

The case involved the murder of Gerson Cabaus, who police said worked as an "asset" of the GMA 7 television network supposedly for its program, "Imbestigador."

An "asset" generally refers to someone hired for information-gathering work.

Pasig police chief Senior Supt. Francisco Uyami said solving Cabaus' case was "very important."

"It is interrelated with the operation of the drug den. This shows that those behind it even killed people just to protect the illegal drug trade," Uyami told the Inquirer.

Contacted last night, Viney Ibarra of the GMA legal department said: "We would like to clarify that Gerson Cabaus was not a paid asset of GMA."

Ibarra described Cabaus as "a

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WEATHER FORECAST

PNP-AFP team off to US for probe

By Alcuin Papa

A CONTINGENT OF PHILIPPINE security officers left for Washington D.C. yesterday to attend the US Congress hearings on extrajudicial killings in the country.

'Nothing to hide'

Satur's representative

Diplomatic protest sought

AFP says NPA on killing spree vs ex-rebs





45M registered voters? It's impossible, says Chiz





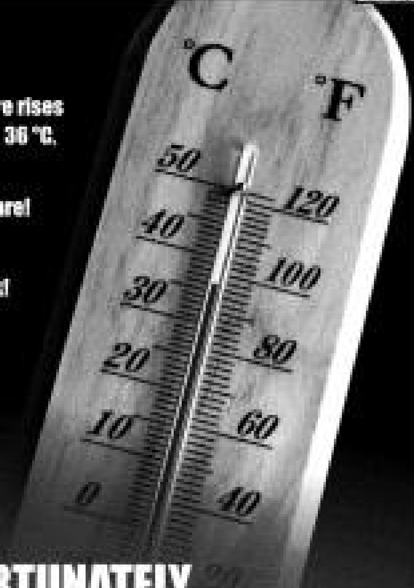
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SC remands LP row to Comelec

Welcomed by both camps

Flexible Charter seen to bring in $7B in investments

Arson probers blame Comelec fire on overloaded electricals



By Alcuin Papa

A BUSTED FIRE EXTINGUISHER, an overloaded electrical system and a condemned building all contributed to the fire at the Commission on Elections last week...

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Lack of chemical trace





Poll protests in burned building rendered moot

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'Element of negligence'

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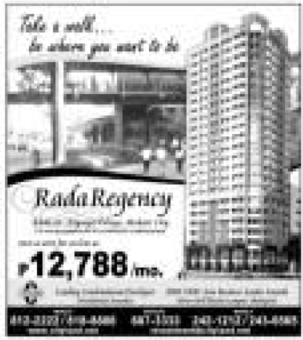
















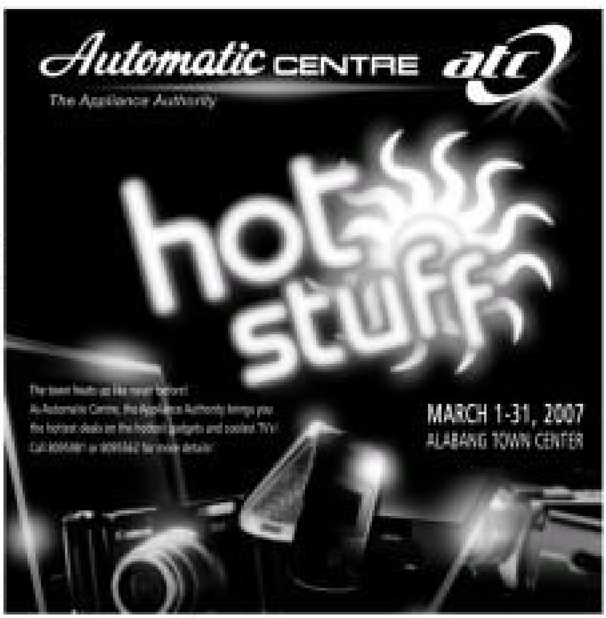












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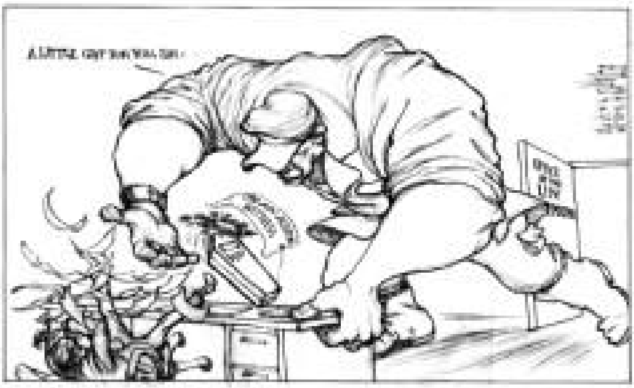
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Looking Back



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Why a settlement on cases already won?



No regrets at offering his services to Bulakeños

US' double standard on extrajudicial killings

MLQ III thanked for 'reminder' on McCarthyism





Propaganda war between AFP and Reds

Roxas sees passport shortage in June due to TRO

By Dona Pazzibugan and Cynthia D. Balana

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Worst case scenario

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GMA blames 'opposition,' her unpopularity for negative image

Growing corruption a threat to RP, Thailand

Major problem

No big fish caught

'Very old news'

Gun shy

Zuño to speed up probe of GMA 7 asset's killing

Under police wraps

Blindfolded and beaten

Looking for Colisao

Next Colombia?



Bomb suspect arrested; explosives seized

PAGC chief: Palace sitting on 21 graft cases

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RP 'most corrupt' in Asia

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Private sector good

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Estrada trial, rape vs GMA

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Awarding rites will be held tonight at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila.
Fortune

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

No remake of biggest strawberry cake

THE ONGOING STRAWBERRY Festival in La Trinidad, Benguet, will not have a remake of the giant strawberry cake that the Guinness Book of World Records recognized in 2004.

Sweeter



STRAWBERRIES are abundant at La Trinidad

Festival shows a hundred ways for Ilocanos to make 'lubi-lubi'

HOW DO THE ILOCANOS MAKE their rice cakes? Count a hundred ways.

Community act

Lampposts costing ₱300,000 each bare growing Cebu scam

CEBU CITY—THE CONtroversy over lampposts that were installed in three cities in Cebu for the 12th Asean summit in January is getting bigger as several of the items were found to have been bought for P300,000 each and 30-40 of them were installed in a private resort.



"We have noted several defects ... Some have even been destroyed ..."

Gov't may free Misuari soon, lawyers claim



Cops preparing Leyte jail for Satur, co-accused

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas





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Mayors ask for more time before closing bridge

'2 months to look into Tullahan traffic problems'

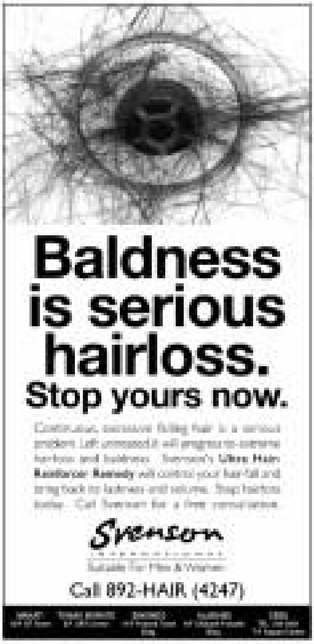
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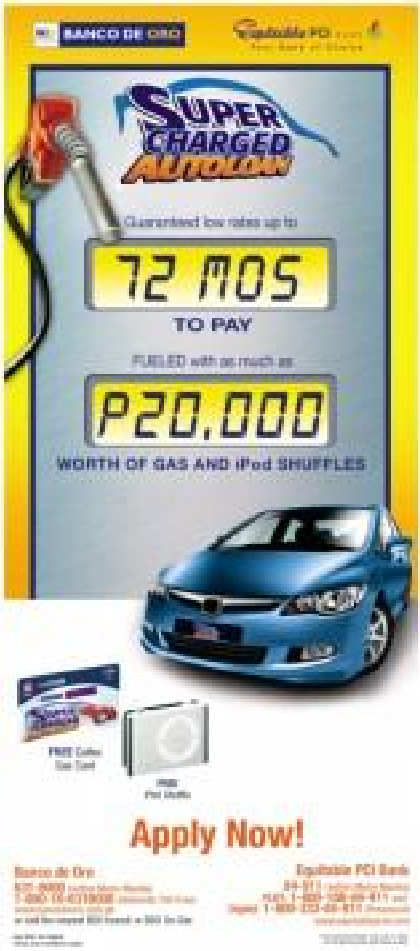
Everyone is invited to join

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Lourdes and Fatima

on May 2007







Oil firms appeal SC decision

By Abigail L. Ho

Proposed oil depot site unsafe, says dad

By Allison W. Lopez



OBLATION statue at UP Diliman entrance.

S&T park to rise in Quezon City

By Margaux C. Ortiz

Biazon denies hand in relief of police chief

By Julie M. Aurelio

Leviste motion heard today

By DJ Yap



OLD RELIABLE

Property dispute angle eyed in killing of prominent trader

By Alcuin W. Lopez

Armed men shoot dead 2 sisters waiting for ride

By Alcuin W. Lopez

Fleeing rob suspects killed after holdup

By Jeannette I. Andrade

Cops foil woman's attempt to steal vault

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Did you know

The WORLD

UN set to tighten sanctions vs Iran

UNITED NATIONS—SIX MAJOR POWERS MOVED CLOSER Monday toward a draft resolution tightening sanctions against Iran over its controversial nuclear program, Britain's UN ambassador said.

AFP



CHIRAC

US-French ties likely to shift

AFP

Australia, Japan sign landmark security pact

AFP



ERUPTING GEYSERS

BBC correspondent kidnapped in Gaza Strip

AFP



Up to 1 million fish found dead in Thai river

BANGKOK—HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF farmed fish have been found dead in one of Thailand's key rivers

AFP

Mexican billionaire pokes fun at Gates

MEXICO CITY—THE WORLD'S third richest man, Mexican telecom magnate Carlos Slim, poked gentle fun at the philanthropy of Bill Gates and Warren Buffett



SLIM

AFP

Nepal's premier urges king to quit

Berlusconi faces new corruption charges



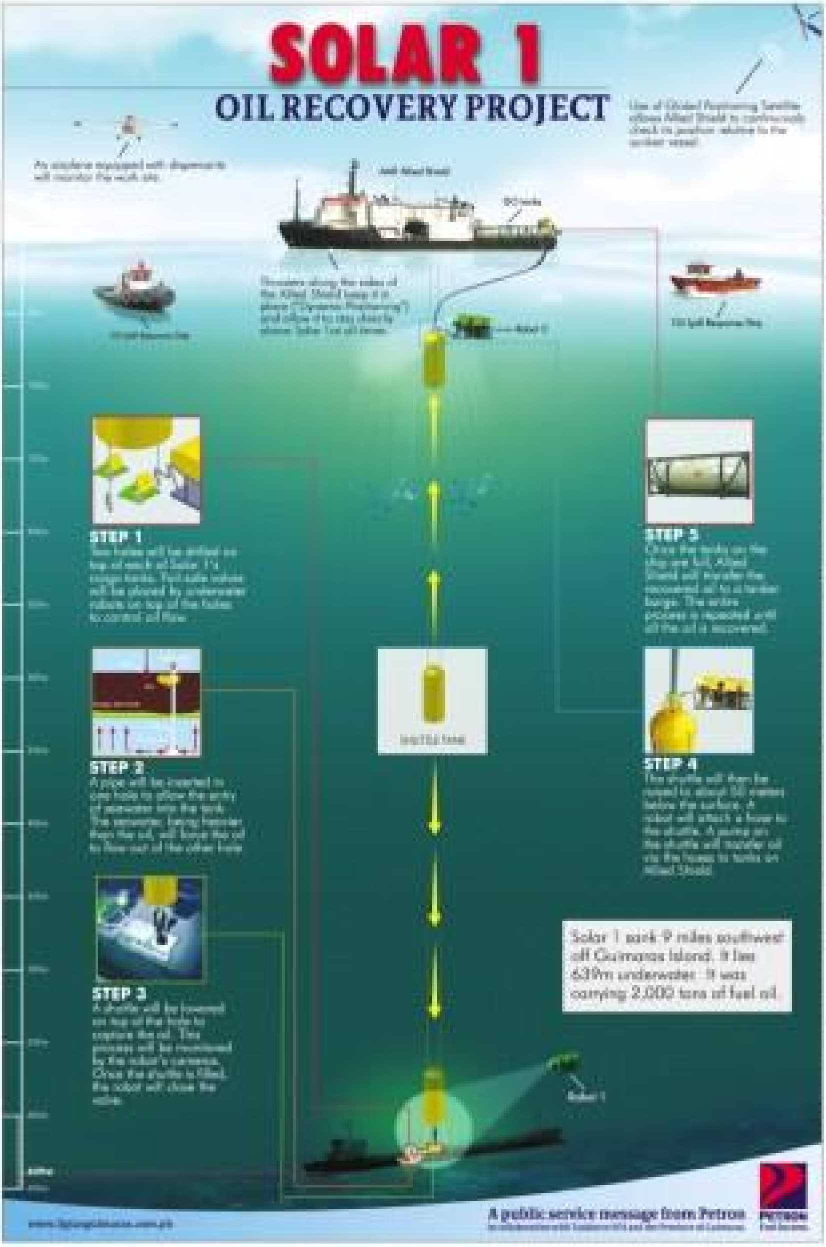
MOTHER AND CHILD

Exercise boosts brain's power, says US study

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Oil Recovery Project Begins

> "We made a commitment to Guimaras to do whatever it takes to restore it to normalcy and we are keeping that promise"





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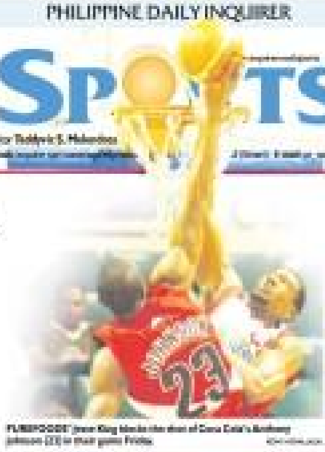
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- Roddick, Nadal continue march /A35



Coca-Cola eyes solo PBA lead











Jaro-Nagal fight headlines revived Fiesta Fistiana

Solar pays Pacquiao P38M for TV rights

IT'S HARVEST TIME FOR MANNY PACQUIAO.



MANNY Pacquiao is counting money even before his April 14 fight against Jorge Solis.

POC pledges to iron out kinks in next Olympic fest

Pacquiao could spoil his own Texas picnic

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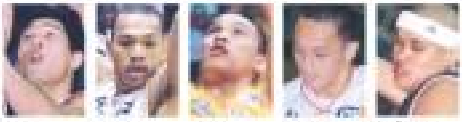


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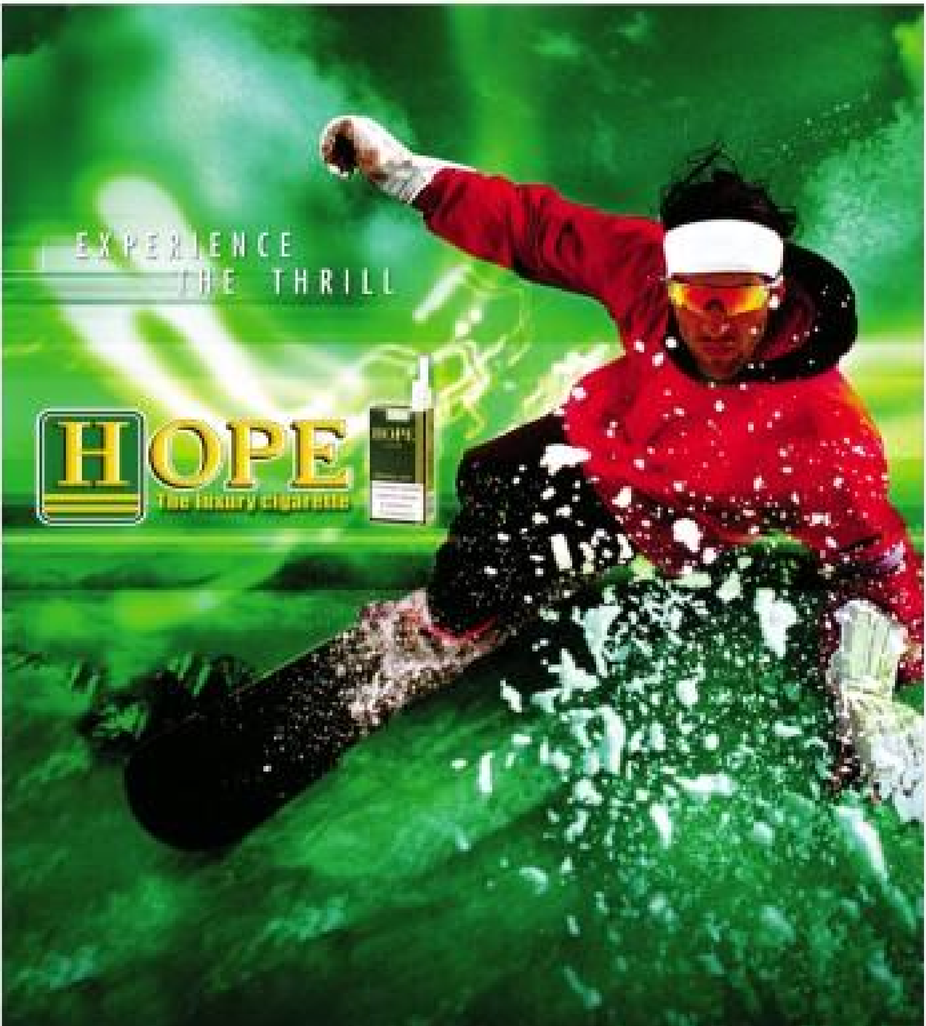
Miller's brilliance sparks Alaska surge

Davao kicks off triathlon series March 18

PBL readies Champions Cup squad



CASTRO



Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.

Champ says Gerry stands no chance





Spring-Tagaytay nips MP Gensan



Berkeley School forges title duel with Mt. Carmel

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Garcia rules MCC 1950 below active chess

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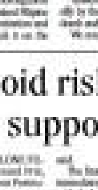
SMART stages Dota tournament

Fatman derby round two at Pasay today

Sports gold rush open to pint-sized prospectors, but…

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Peña to avoid risky moves in four F3 support races



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CF-Angeles hosts poker qualifying

NY Knicks extend Thomas contract

Warriors end Mavs' run

'17 is enough,' says current Golden State and ex-Dallas coach Nelson



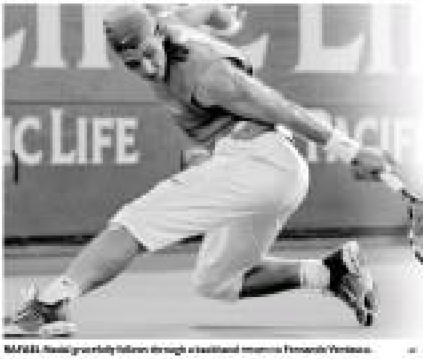
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA—GOLDEN STATE SNAPPED THE DALLAS Mavericks' club-record 17-game win streak here Monday, with Frenchman Mickael Pietrus scoring 20 points in a 117-100 National Basketball Association victory.

Tapia 'not breathing,' drug OD suspected

Sorenstam loses via playoff

'Grandma' Inge retires

China: No four pests in Olympics



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Roddick, Nadal continue march

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UST is UAAP overall champ again

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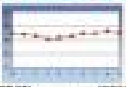
HAMPERED TRAINING Joan Tipon

BUSINESS



Gov't cautioned against revising BOT law

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Shares up 1.82%

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Proliferation of unsolicited proposals seen harmful

THE UNITED STATES HAS URGED THE PHILIPpines to scrap plans to amend the implementing rules and regulations of the Build-Operate-Transfer law, warning that such a move could harm public sector interests.

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THE RISK for covering catastrophic expenses (referring to the huge medical bills arising from serious illnesses) should be shared between insurance and service providers.

Healthcare protection in RP 'poor', 'insufficient'

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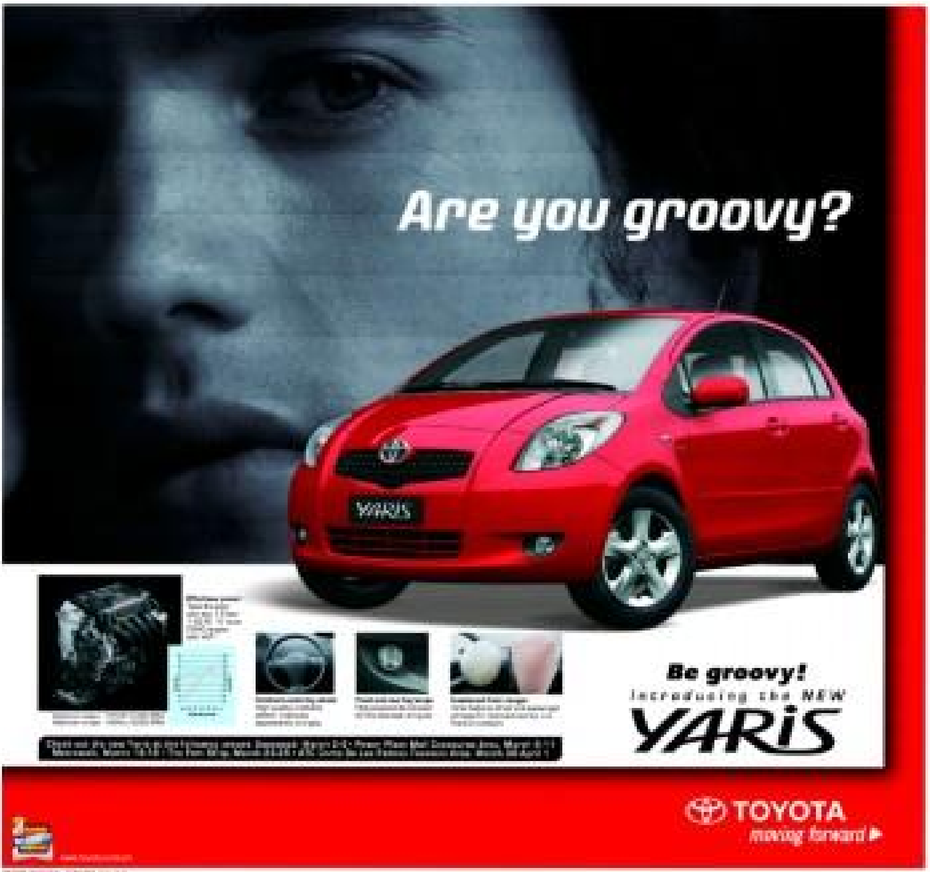
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said Necitas Aguila of [illegible] Securities.

"The market is still consolidating and building a base above the 3,000 points level before another major rally, possibly after the [illegible] [illegible] itself [illegible]," Another rally, he said, would be driven by the positive long-term outlook for the economy, with growth likely boosted by increased government spending on infrastructure.

Aguila noted there was speculative interest particularly in cement companies, with these firms expected to benefit from the large government spending on new roads, bridges and school buildings. AFP





Escolta in decay

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

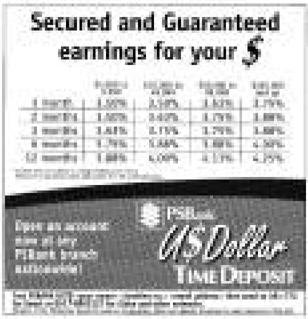


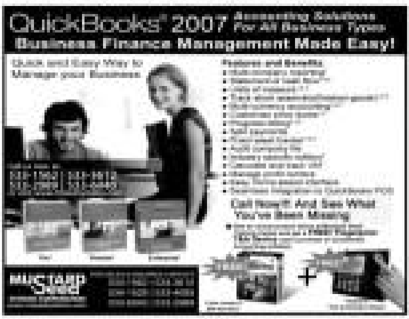
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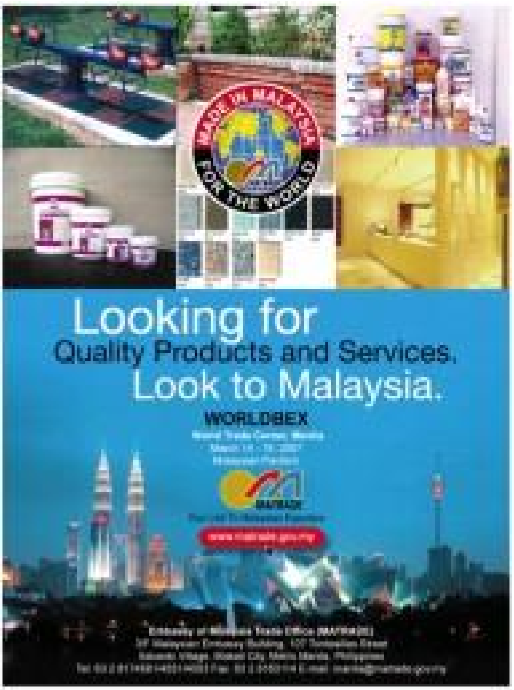
10-year T-bond rate rises to 6.942%

By Doris C. Dumlao

Healthcare protection . . .









SMIC profits up 31.7% in 2006

Business Brief

Manulife sales surge

Bank sets stage for SMEs

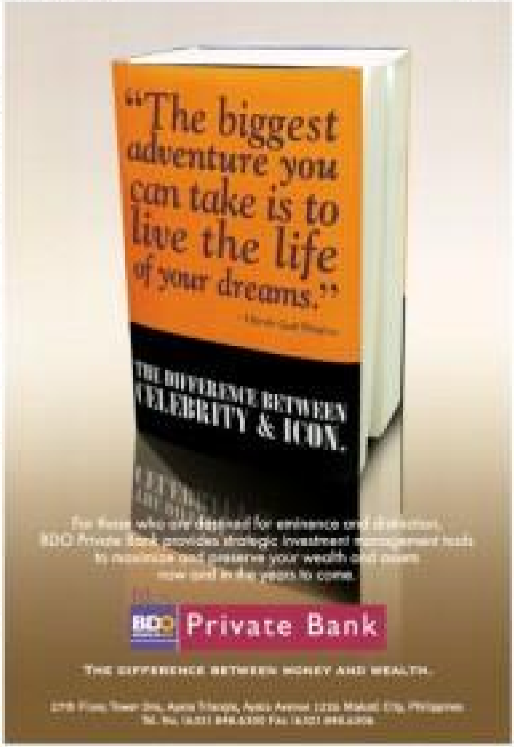
Strong performance boosts its bottom line

Napocor to apply for cost recoveries by end-March

High prices prop up Philex income

LRTA ridership up







Children's happiness is the icing on their cake



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Safety seal

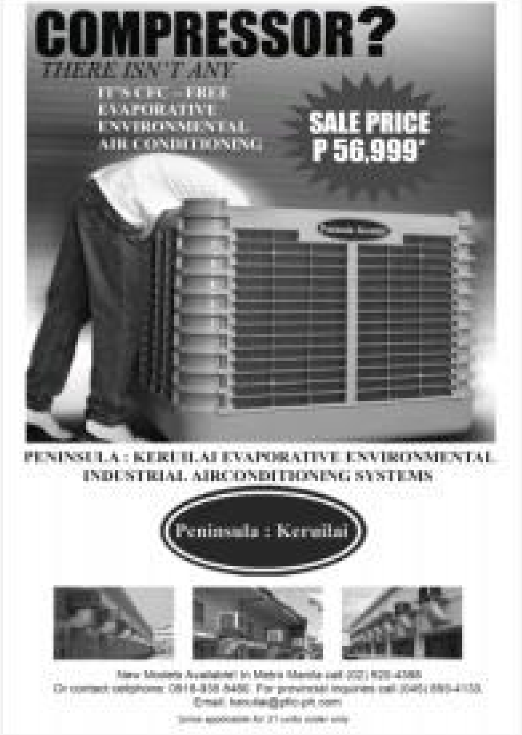
Conservation

DTI pushes for innovative designs as SME trade fair opens

Cebu Pacific to spend $1.3B on new planes

Refleeting program enters next phase





Merrill Lynch bullish on RP, issues buy rating

Investment bank sees little disruption due to May elections

By Doris C. Dumlao

US-BASED INVESTMENT BANKing giant Merrill Lynch is bullish on the Philippines and has recommended that investors buy government offshore bonds or ROPs.

Merrill Lynch is banking on the sustained implementation of fiscal reforms and said it sees little economic disruption from the mid-term elections in May.

In a research paper dated March 7 written by Renault Anan and Anjali Prakash, Merrill Lynch affirmed an "overweight" or buy recommendation on ROPs, especially the foreign currency bonds maturing in 2017.

"Overweight" is a call to invest heavily in a certain asset class, in this case, the Philippine bonds.

"We do not think that the May elections will cause any major tension. Our baseline scenario is that the presidential camp will obtain a hefty majority at the House of Representatives, which would significantly reduce the risk of political turbulence in our view," the paper said.

If the opposition would end up with at least a third of the seats, Merrill Lynch said this would increase the chances of reviving an impeachment petition against President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

The investment bank said a severe defeat for the administration would be costly in terms of macroeconomic reforms, as the focus would dramatically shift to political survival.

"We think that the risk is quite limited at this stage, however. The election for the House of Representatives takes place at the local level, where the presidential camp has more political leverage, it seems," the research said.

"On the other hand, a very strong election result for the presidential camp may accelerate the reform momentum, including the area of tax policy," it said.

The investment bank sees a tight result for the Senate, but noted that would have little impact on the overall political environment.

In recent weeks, it said the Senate had demonstrated that it could efficiently work with the House, as illustrated by the enactment of a national budget for 2007.

As such, the investment bank concluded that the macroeconomic impact of the elections would be limited.

"We do not think that there is a major risk of slippage on the expenditure front," it added.

Merrill Lynch said the Philippine economic team remained committed to fiscal adjustment and would likely attain its deficit ceiling of P63 billion for this year. It added that having a balanced budget next year was kept on the government's agenda.

"We think that the main issue on the fiscal front will once again be on tax revenue performance. The Bureau of Internal Revenue, the largest tax agency, will continue to be the main factor behind the success—or the failure—of the authorities' fiscal strategy over the medium term," it said.

"The good news is that the authorities seem to be working actively on a new package of revenue measures that may cement the fiscal adjustment in the period ahead, but they were not ready to disclose any detail at this stage. If confirmed, this would somehow ease the burden on the BIR," it added.

On the macroeconomic front, Merrill Lynch said inflation would likely remain moderate, the external sector quite robust and growth prospects healthy in the near term.

It has projected that the growth in gross domestic product will increase from 5.4 percent last year to 5.8 percent this year and up to 6 percent next year.

Merrill Lynch also said that some of the credit rating agencies may raise the outlook on sovereign debt to "positive" from "stable" later this year, depending on the conduct of the elections and the sustainability of key reforms.

"For a full rating upgrade, we think that it will have to wait until next year," the research team said.

Fitch Ratings currently rates the Philippine sovereign risk at two notches below the much-coveted investment grade, Standard & Poor's at three notches below and Moody's at four notches below—all with a "stable" outlook.

A "positive" outlook means there is a high probability of an actual credit rating upgrade within 12 to 24 months.

Economic managers welcomed Merrill Lynch's bullish assessment.

"We are pleased that Merrill Lynch has recognized the economic team's commitment to fiscal consolidation as reflected by the full implementation of the EVAT (expanded value-added tax) last year," Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said.

"But, in addition to other tax administrative measures, has helped successfully bring down the national government deficit in 2006 to below program," Teves added.

"We are equally committed this year to quality spending on critical infrastructure and social services that will help us keep our upward growth trajectory," he said.

MOTORING



WITH A TOTALLY redesigned front fascia, the new Tribute arrives in the Philippine market.

New Tribute continues Mazda's sporty image



THE 2007 TRIBUTE sports a redesigned dash as well as ... [illegible]



WITH PLENTY of room for cargo, the 2007 Tribute is perfect for out-of-town trips or just going to the nearby supermarket.

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

A FRESH-LOOKING Mazda Tribute has arrived.

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One variant

[illegible]

Spacious interior

[illegible]

A tired Ranger

MY DRIFT



Andre Fabia

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Gratifying pull

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RANGER

Definitely over my life

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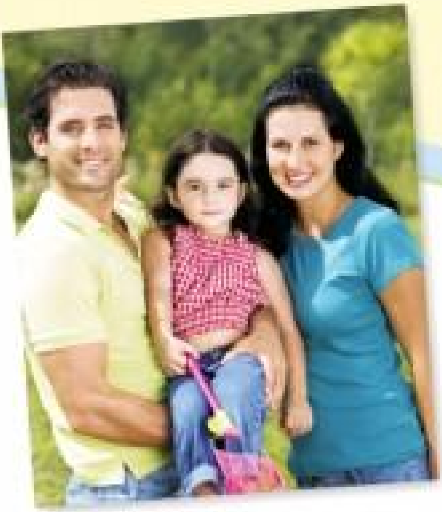
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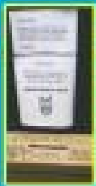
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LIFESTYLE

2bU! school raid: The One School edition







This year is going to be an even more exciting one for 2bU! We've decided to carry out school raids and find out what's going on in different campuses around the country.

Our first stop is The One School, a nontraditional school in RCBC Plaza that is changing the way students learn.

We sat in on their classes, had lunch with the students, spoke to the teachers and found out a lot about them and their home outside their home.

We walked away wishing we could study there during the coming school year.

If you want 2bU! to visit your school, e-mail us at Ls_2bu@inquirer.com.ph and tell us what makes your campus really special.



OBVIOUSLY no more shoes rule

Small school, special learning

The One School is the only institution in the country that has adapted an educational philosophy called the Harkness Method

ON MY LAST YEAR OF HIGH school, while preparing to go to college, I already knew what course I wanted to have and what course I wanted to take up. What I wasn't particularly sure of was the school I should enroll in.

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Last week, I visited one such place called The One School.

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Special

There are many reasons why The One School is nontraditional—and perhaps special.

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PLAYING guitar here



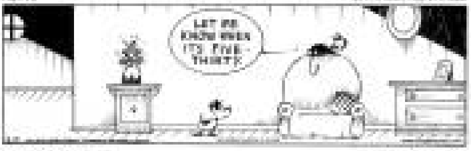
THE ONE SCHOOL'S student-teacher ratio helps students get more focused and have equal attention from the professor

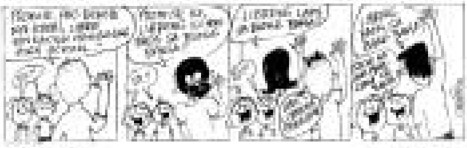


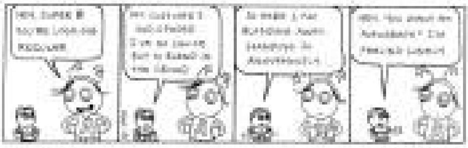


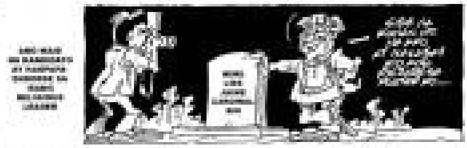


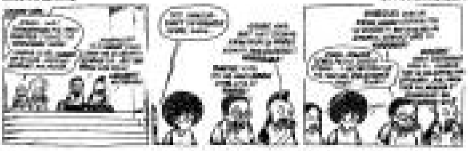




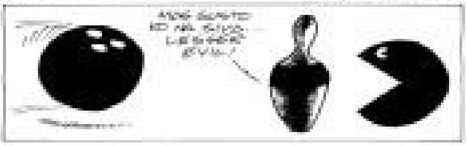


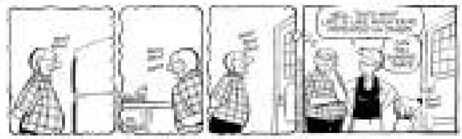




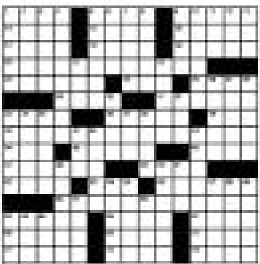


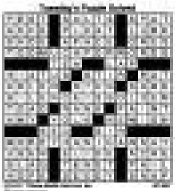






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HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Learning business by doing business

Pitches



Here's an English class where you're taught more than just grammar

English for future taipans







Small school . . .







Promotion

The Grub Club may look like your usual cafeteria, but the food definitely doesn't taste like your usual cafeteria blah food.



STUDENTS taking their lunch at the Grub Club



A HEARTY salad

Grub club

By Niño Mark M. Sablan
Correspondent
Photos by Alexis Teredo

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BUFFALO wings with blue cheese sauce

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PRESENTING her Mulberry Healing Oil

Tasha Rodriguez's VitaOils is achieving success one bottle at a time

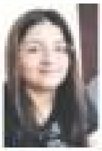
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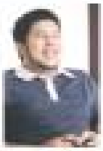


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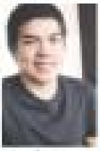
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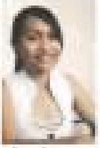

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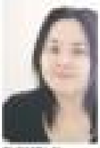

AMIR Zanjani


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MARK San Diego


JASMIN Somaylo


RYAN Hao


THERESA Cho


CHASE Ocier-Hui

Snooping on the students

By Bianca Consunji
2BU! Correspondent
Photos by Alanah Torralba

STUDENTS FROM THE ONE SCHOOL are a like-minded lot. They enjoy video games, food from Grub Club, and playing cards, getting in a few hours of work, or just hanging out and talking after classes. They all want to be successful business owners, too.

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CAMILLE Vasquez


MIGUEL Lazaro



JOSE Rodriguez (left) and Michelle Lacamento


STUDENTS from The One School hang out together, regardless of age or batch.

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INFORMAL study session



SALAS on the E-tee with teacher Andy Honey Cabrera, and playing cards with Vasquez

What makes your school cool?

By Nino Mark M. Sablan
2BU! Correspondent
Photos by Alanah Torralba

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ROUND TABLE discussions make it easier for everyone to participate in class.

"The line between mentors and students are blurred, creating a more interactive space"


GUITAR love for everybody


HIGH-TECH learning process

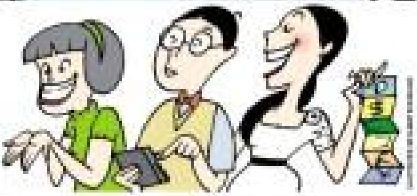

OFFICE-LIKE appearance of the school doesn't reflect its laid-back atmosphere.


FILE your complaints here.


LEE Lodovico illustrating a point

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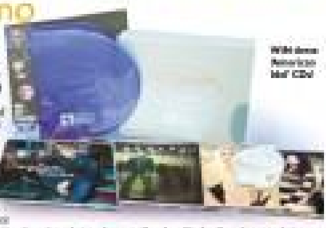
Cents and sensibility

Is money affecting your friendships? Here are some good tips to remember

JEMMY UY, A GUIDance counselor from an exclusive girls' school, lends advice on how to keep money from affecting your relationships.

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Star World and 2bU!'s 'American Idol' U B the judge promo



Win these American Idol CDs!

LIKE MILLIONS OF other fans worldwide, you probably watch "American Idol" and dish out comments like Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul, or Randy Jackson in your very own living room. Well, reserve your very best lines for 2bU! and Star World's American Idol U B the Judge promo!

Every week until the finals, 2bU! readers will get their comments published and win exclusive American Idol premium items and CDs of hot American Idol alumni Carrie Underwood, Chris Daughtry, Katharine McPhee and Taylor Hicks from Star World and Sony BMG.

Just e-mail us a critique of your favorite top 12 finalist's performance from tonight's episode. Feel free to comment on anything, whether it's your bet's singing voice, stage presence, attire and make-up, song choice, or audience impact.

Just like our favorite critics from our favorite talent competition, you can be fully supportive, or you can mince no words. And don't forget to tell us who should win American Idol this season.

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Innove supports disaster management project

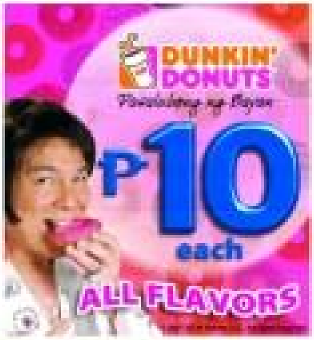
GLOBE/INNOVE ENTERPRISE Business Group Sales head Arlan Sayson demonstrates the high-speed wireless Internet connectivity of Globe Visibility to Ronald McDonald during the recent launch of "Share Mo, Time Mo" project at McDonald's, Greenbelt, Makati City. A joint project of the fast food chain, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Innove and IBM Philippines, "Share Mo, Time Mo" aims to help support DSWD's Registry of Volunteers on Disaster Risk Management and Response by creating a national volunteer database that can be mobilized for disaster operations. The project has installed computer laptops provided by IBM and powered by Innove's Internet access in six strategic McDonald's outlets within Metro Manila.



INNOVE'S Arlan Sayson with Ronald McDonald

LIFESTYLE





The vertical challenge

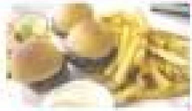


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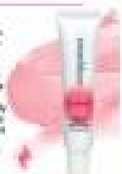
Cheap fares, blog awards and a bald Britney

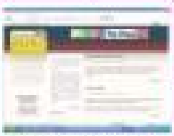


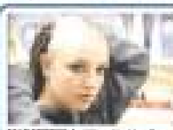














Shanghai sensation





The vertical challenge



Join 'The Amazing Race Asia 2'!



SEASON one winners, Malaysians Zabrina Fernandez and Joe Jer Yeo

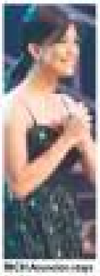
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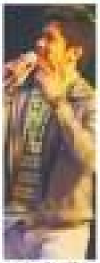
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Night of the underdogs





A master spy's cold, cold heart

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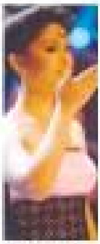
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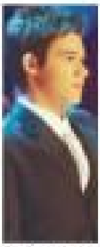
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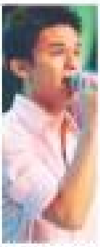
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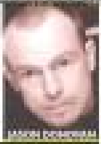
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Dreamgirls

Ex-boyfriend to reveal Kylie Minogue's 'love secrets'



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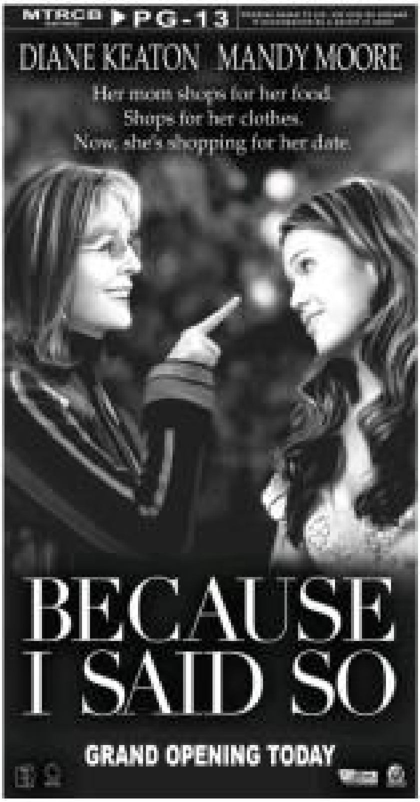
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Big fat wedding







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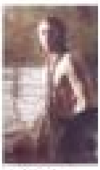


Happy Hearts

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